TO THE

Kings Moſt Excellent Majeſty,

Repreſenting GOD;

AND TO HIS

High Court of Parliament,

Repreſenting his People.

SINCE I printed the laſt Paper, to promote (as much as in me lay) the Stannery Affairs, according to the *Firſt Propoſal for Raiſing the Price of Tin*, I received the following Letters, which came from *Cornwall*, and *Devon*.

SIR, Cornwall, Mar. 24. 1696.

I Wonder you do not forbear to put me to the needleſs Expence of ſo many Packets of Letters, the Poſtage whereof doth come to more Mony, than you are like to bring the Price of Tin to. Your going to Work ſo irregularly (without a Convocation of Tinners) as I formerly wrote you. I wiſh the Event may not prove worſe, than what you firſt deſign'd. But to have the Tinners Petition (for ſo it is now accounted, though there were few or none of the Leading Mens Hands to it, or did they then know any thing of it) to be once blown upon, though it hath not been rejected, as ſome other Petitions have been; but to have nothing at all done in't, may prove of very ill Conſequence. I would heartily put my Helping Hand to promote the Welfare of the Tinners, if 'twas done in that regular way which I formerly mention'd.

tion'd. Till then, I hope you will excuſe me, if I do not much appear in it. But who does know if this Step that is made already, may not at laſt be inſtrumental to produce a Convocation; if prudently manag'd, I am confident it may, and then no Man ſhall be more forward then

SIR, Your moſt humble Servant.

SIR, Cornwall, Mar. 20. $169\frac{6}{7}$.

WE had yours two Poſts ſince, with the Incloſed Papers; for which We return you our Thanks: But my ſelf particularly, becauſe they were the firſt I had the Happineſs to handle. The Tinners give you their Daily Prayers; And I cannot tell what they will do for you, they are ſo overjoyed.

Dear Couſin, Cornw. Mar. 17. $169\frac{6}{7}$.

I Am glad to hear, by your Letters, that you are again pretty well; and am not ſorry for the Hopes there are, that the Price of Tin will riſe. And tho' I did not write you my Senſe of Mr. Praed's *Propoſal, at firſt; yet, as ſoon as I did hear of a Petition to be preſented, I did offer to get the Subſcriptions of my Neighbourhood, my ſelf; to which, in the County, might be had* 200000 *Hands, if the Time would have permitted. I have written to Sir* John Trevillian, *of the Neceſſity of the poor Tinners; and that he would uſe his Intereſt, in the Houſe, for* This Propoſal. *And if I knew any thing I could do, to the furthering of it, I would contribute my utmoſt Endeavour. I deſire you will give my moſt humble Service to Mr.* Praed, *aſſuring, That he hath both the hearty Thanks, and the affectionate Prayers, of the Tinners: And it is no ſmall Thing to have the Bleſſings of thoſe that are ready to periſh, to come down upon him. And as I do believe you have taken much Pains, in this Affair; ſo you will not go unrewarded by him, who takes the Good that is done the Poor, as a Debt to himſelf; and will be ſure to repay it here, or hereafter.*

SIR,

SIR, Cornwall, Mar. 17. 169$\frac{6}{7}$.

THE Tinners are mightily pleas'd to hear you go on with ſo much Succeſs: They hope the Thing will anſwer your Expectation, and that 'twill be of ſome Advantage, e're the Seſſions ends, to your Friends here; who deſire their Reſpects and Services may be preſented you, and who acknowledge themſelves highly obliged to you. And I am your ——

Worthy Sir, Devon, Mar. 14. 169$\frac{6}{7}$.

WE have received your New Propoſals, with many hearty Thanks for them. They are eſteemed, by every one that hears them, or ſees them, to be the trueſt, and fineſt Thing that ever was written. And whereas you ſay in them, That Tin may be made ſo fine, and of ſo great a Value, it is certainly true: For one time, when I was at Mr. Savery's, we were drinking of Burnt Ale; and his Lady brought one dozen of ſmall Diſhes, and filling every one his Diſh, Mr. Savery ask'd me, What I did think that I was drinking out of? And I told him, It was Plate; and ſo did all them that were there. But he anſwered and told me, It was Tin; and that they coſt 12 d. each of them: And certainly there was not in a Diſh, above an Ounce and half: They would not hold above one quarter of a Pint. So after that Value, it was worth 12 s. a Pound. And no Body could diſcern it from Silver, for Whiteneſs, Likeneſs, and Sound.

The Tinners here, in Devon, have a very great Eſteem of you; and ſay, They will ſerve you with their Lives and Fortunes, and will make you any Satisfaction for your Expence, and Pains. But I find by them, and the Corniſh Men too, that their great Deſire is, that if there be a Law made, That Tin ſhall not be ſold under ſuch a Price, that it may not be under 3 l. 10 s. And I have ſpoken with ſome Pewterers of Cornwall, and Devon, and they are all very willing to it, ſo there may be a ſettled Price, that they may the better know how to ſell their Goods.

NOW

NOW, If a Price be ſet to the Tin, (according to the firſt *Propoſal*, and this laſt and modeſt Requeſt of the Tinners;) it will be a great Eaſe, to their honeſt Trade. And thereon, I am in hopes to do ſomething elſe, which may be of no ſmall Honour, and Intereſt, to The KING, in particular; and To the Nation in general.

And here, I alſo hope, that it will not be thought Vanity in me, to publiſh thoſe Letters (according to the Writing thereof;) for I do it, in the firſt Place, to ſerve thoſe poor People that are (as I once was) *ready to periſh*. And, in the next Place, to ſerve the Nation, more than my ſelf.

For I do not deſerve thoſe Characters which are given of me, in the Moſt Generous, and Grateful Counties of *Cornwall*, and *Devon*: They are more Attributable to thoſe Occaſions, which put me in Mind of my Duty towards my Neighbour. But moſt of all to God Himſelf, who (as Lord Paramount of all the Policy which Humanity may pretend to) commands us all (by the wiſeſt of Men) *Not* Prov. 3.27 *to with-hold Good from them to whom it is due.*

AND certainly if it be Policy to keep the Price of our own Tin from falling, (as the wiſe *Venetians* do, to keep the Price of Foreign Fleſh, and Fiſh, from riſing, upon the Poor, and the Publick;) then the perfection of that Policy is due here to the Publick, and to the Stannary Petitioners.

Nay, it is a Debt due from the Nation, to Almighty God himſelf, as well as to his poor Relations (as he ſo often calls them;) And his Providence (which hath ſo wonderfully preſerv'd us) ſeems to expect, That it ſhould Precede the Enſuing *Faſt*, lately Proclaimed by the King's Moſt Sacred, and Moſt Excellent Majeſty.

Act. 10.4. Deut. 15. 10. *That our Alms and our Prayers, May come up for a Memorial before God. And that (for this Thing) the Lord our God may bleſs us, in all our Works, and in all that we put our Hands unto.*

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